GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA

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Finalization of EEZ
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Exclusive Economics Zone (EEZ) of Indian Coast has been finalized and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the agency(ies) responsible for supply of authenticated map of EEZ of India;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached with the Government of Sri Lanka regarding demarcation of EEZ between India and Sri Lanka; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI. Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976, Act No. 80 of 28 May 1976 defines the limit of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of India as an area beyond and adjacent to the territorial waters, and the limit of such zone is 200 nautical miles from the baseline. Baseline system was notified on 11 May 2009 by Ministry of External Affairs. This is subject to the Maritime boundary delimitation agreements with Indonesia dated 8 August, 1974 and with Maldives dated 14 January, 1977; with Myanmar dated 23 December, 1986; with Sri Lanka dated 26 and 28 June, 1974; 23 March, 1976; and 22 November, 1976; with Thailand dated 22 June, 1978; with Indonesia and Thailand dated 22 June, 1978; with Maldives and Sri Lanka dated 23, 24 and 31 July, 1976; and with Myanmar and Thailand dated 27 October, 1993.

(b) National Hydrographic Office under Ministry of Defence is the National Authority for publication of nautical charts and publications.

(c) Yes, Madam. India has signed the Maritime boundary delimitation agreements with Sri Lanka dated 26 and 28 June, 1974, 23 March, 1976, and 22 November, 1976; and with Maldives and Sri Lanka dated 23, 24 and 31 July, 1976.

(d) Does not arise.